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The Gray Research Center supports professional military education and the academic needs of the Marine Corps University. The Research Archives makes available official and un-official records, documents, and audio-visual materials. The LtGen James Carson Breckinridge Library collects books, journals, and reports for use by students, faculty, and staff.

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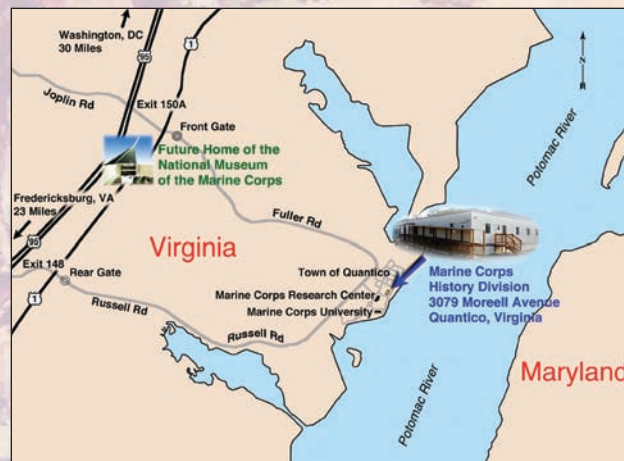
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MARINE CORPS



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DOCUMENTING THE MARINE CORPS' STORY WITH THE HISTORY DIVISION

The History Division's mission is to provide knowledge of the Marine Corps' past to ensure an understanding of the Marine Corps' present and future by making the historical experience of the Marine Corps available for practical study and exploitation; preserving a record of Marine Corps activities and traditions by collecting and maintaining papers and articles of lasting historical interest and achieving a generally accepted realization within the Marine Corps that military history is a basic source of knowledge for solving problems and attaining advances in the theory and practice of military science.

REFERENCE BRANCH

The Reference Branch provides historical research and reference services for Headquarters Marine Corps, Marine Corps units, other military organizations and Government agencies, active duty and retired Marines, the general public and the Marine Corps University. The branch is responsible for several key programs and projects including the Unit Lineage and Honors Program, the Commemorative Naming Program, the Marine Corps Chronology, and the Marine Corps Flag Manual.

HISTORICAL BRANCH

The Historical Branch consists of the Writing and Oral History Programs. The primary responsibility of the Writing Program is to prepare a wide variety of official publications that tell the Marine Corps story as accurately and as comprehensively as possible, for distribution within the Marine Corps and other Federal agencies and to the general public. The objective of the Oral History Program is to obtain, catalog, transcribe, and preserve personal narratives of noteworthy professional experiences and observations of



historic value from active duty and retired Marines for future use as reference source material.

FIELD HISTORY BRANCH

The Field History Branch gathers Marine Corps history as it happens. The detachment deploys historians with the major combat commands and sends those Marines out to the frontlines to record history in the making. These historians collect oral interviews, original documents, photographs, and artifacts that become the primary source materials for topical monographs, definitive histories, and museum exhibits. In addition to the historians, the Field History Branch also deploys combat artists to document the daily experiences of Marines through the artistic medium.

EDITING AND DESIGN

The senior editor and his staff prepare manuscripts for publication by providing traditional

editorial checks and producing the design and layout of Division publications. The office also produces illustrative materials for historical texts and serves as the editorial office for *Fortitudine*, the Marine Corps' Historical Program bulletin.

BGEN EDWIN H. SIMMONS MARINE CORPS HISTORY CENTER

When completed as part of the Gray Research Center expansion, this state-of-the-art complex will house the History Division's offices.

OTHER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AT QUANTICO:

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS

Scheduled to open in November 2006, the museum collects, preserves, and exhibits artifacts that

